

**DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS
FOR A
SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT**

CONTRACT NO:	RQ774457
CAPTION:	Web-Based Database Hosting, Maintenance and Management of the Newborn Hearing and Metabolic Screening Programs
PROPOSED CONTRACTOR:	OZ Systems
PROGRAM AGENCY:	Department of Health, Community Health Administration

FINDINGS

1. AUTHORIZATION

D.C. Official Code §2-354.04, 27 DCMR 1304 and 1702

2. MINIMUM NEED

The Department of Health (DOH), Community Health Administration (CHA), requires the licensing, maintenance and hosting of a database to track newborn hearing and metabolic screening results and related services. The software license supports the surveillance activities of the Newborn Hearing and Metabolic Screening Programs and the MCHB Title V Block Grant.

3. ESTIMATED REASONABLE PRICE

The estimated reasonable price is \$51,000.00.

4. FACTS WHICH JUSTIFY SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT

The District of Columbia Department of Health needs a robust platform to be able to track children and to generate letters and reports to inform parents and providers about their screening results. The platform must be able to incorporate screening results directly from the laboratory information management system as well as from Hearing Screening devices. It must be web based for easy accessibility for authorized and authenticated users; and able to receive information from the District's Vital Statistics Information Management System (VSIMS).

The following features are unique to the Oz Systems:

1. Unlimited access to eSP™, a web based information management application that helps administrate the newborn screening cycle for both Hearing and Metabolic/Genetic Screening including creating a child health screening record with screening results from the lab, or hearing devices, tracking and follow up functions for all babies that need additional attention, reminders; generation of letters to inform parents and doctors about each patient's screening results; reports and searches. eSP™ is HIPPA compliant.
2. Virtual Private Cloud that covers all hardware and server costs, application hosting, security, disaster recovery, communications maintenance and upgrades, support for hospitals, case managers and lab users
 - a. Training
 - b. Initial setup

OZ Systems is the only vendor that provides a service that encompasses a robust information management application specifically designed for newborn screening, tracking and follow up; with set up, data hosting, and consulting services provided by experienced public health professionals. This will reduce the cost of ownership for the Newborn Screening Programs of the DC Department of Health.

OZ Systems' pricing structure is an annual license fee based on the number of newborns, which makes it simple and transparent to allocate in the Department of Health cost/pricing structure. System updates and upgrades are included in the license fee.

The vendor has more than 15 years experience in Newborn Screening Programs at Hospital, Lab, State and National levels. OZ Systems is actively involved in workgroups such as: HL7, Public Health Data Standards Consortium, the Mountain States Genetics Regional Collaborative, the Office of the National Coordinator's S and I Framework teams, and IHE (Integrating the Healthcare Enterprise). This means that OZ Systems can work effectively with DC's HIT strategies as they evolve.

The service offered by OZ Systems is based on the use of a proprietary information management application proven in many other Public Health Programs. Only OZ Systems is allowed to commercialize and implement their Off the Shelf applications.

Also, this is the same systems that is used by the State of Maryland and allows the District quick and easy access to patients medical data.

5. CERTIFICATION BY AGENCY HEAD:

I hereby certify that the above findings are true, correct and complete.

Date

Saul Levin, MD, MPA
Interim Director
Department of Health

6. CERTIFICATION BY CONTRACTING OFFICER:

I have reviewed the above findings and certify that they are sufficient to justify the use of the sole source method of procurement under the cited authority. I certify that the notice of intent to award a sole source contract was published in accordance with 27 DCMR 1304. I recommend that the Chief Procurement Officer approve the use of the sole source procurement method for this proposed contract.

Date

Paula Isaacs Walker
Agency Contracting Officer

DETERMINATION

Based on the above findings and in accordance with the cited authority, I hereby determine that it is not feasible or practical to invoke the competitive solicitation process under either Section 402 or 403 of the District of Columbia Procurement Practices Reform Act of 2010 (D.C. Law 18-371; D.C. Official Code § 2-354.02 or 2-354.03). Accordingly, I determine that the District is justified in using the sole source method of procurement.

Date

James D. Staton, Jr.
Chief Procurement Officer